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Given a Life Sentence for Extraordinary Cruelty to Grandchildren.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 18. - Mrs. Bell, for cruelty to her grandchildren, was to-day stenced to life imprisonment. ges against Mrs. Bell. which reved at the trial, were that she had puned the two children, a boy of fourteen a girl of fifteen, with the most fiendish torture which malignity could devise Slipping on their thinnest clothing, she could put the children in water and compe-hem to sit before open windows, when the emperature was several degrees below occasion the boy was kept at work in cold, improperly clad, until his toes to frozen and dropped off. They were on victuals mixed with noxious fluids e, turpentine and worse. When fered was that Mrs. Bell inf healtatingly pronounced her guilty, and the

In Favor of Either Sex. OLDTOWN, Me., April 18.—The East Maine lethodist Conference to-day, by a vote of 55 10, declared in favor of admitting either ale or female lay delegates to the General

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NOT GROVER, OF THE WHITE HOUSE,

BUT HIS CLERICAL BROTHER.

Troubles of Rev. W. N. Cleveland

with His Parishioners, as Related

by the Divine Himself.

CLAIMS TO BE PERSECUTED

SAYS HIS RECENT DISMISSAL WAS

DUE TO POLITICAL BIGOTRY,

That a Faction Opposed Him Because

He Is a Democrat and that Some

Called Him a Copperhead.

NEW YORK, April 19.-The World this

morning prints a dispatch from Rev. Wm. N.

Cleveland, the brother of President Cleve-

land, giving a detailed account of the clergy-

man's troubles with his parishloners. The

dispatch, which is dated Chaumont, N. Y.,

"There is no room for doubt that, underly-

terian Church, which resulted in my dismis

sal as pastor, is political bigotry. Should

you canvass the village, you would learn

from its citizens that that is the true state

of affairs. The general, I might say the uni-

versal opinion, is that politics had very much

to do with the trouble. If the words and con-

duct of the faction of my congregation which

is opposed to me mean anything, that is cer-

of this opposing faction, which formally

waited on me at the parsonage a little more

than a year ago. They came to complain of

a Grand Army sermon I had preached which

cause of my being connected with a commun-

ity with whose political views I was so much

out of joint. The spokesman for the com-

mittee was an elderly gentleman, who is the

"Consistent with such a formal complaint

been a variety of casual utterances from

these same parties. I have been on the

Lord's day, and inside my church, designated

as an old copperhead by the leading man in

the opposing party. That same man, at an

annual church meeting, reduced his pew

rates, alleging tariff reform as the reason,

and that was shortly before the visit of the

committee referred to above. His complaint

of too much tariff reform was made in writ-

"I had supposed that all was known about

me, especially my politics, before I came

here. But one day, in my own house, soon

after I took charge of the church, the re-

mark was made that if it had been known

that I was a Democrat I never would have

been appointed to this parish. It was also

said by the same person that it was surpris-

ing to know that any man could be a Dem-

ocrat and a Christian at the same time, and

that it had been supposed that such a thing

was impossible. This remark may have been

made partially in jest, however. Some one,

I do not know who, recently expressed satis-

PREACHED TO REPUBLICANS.

"In the light of these facts, does it not ap-

head of a leading family of the opposition.

April 18, says:

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MANGLED IN A MINE

SEVEN MEN KILLED AND SIX BADLY HURT AT NIEHART, MONT.

Explosion of a Magazine Used for Thawing Powder Just as a Body of Miners Was Passing It.

NIEHART, Mont., April 18 .- An explosion occurred in the Broadwater mine at 1:15 o'clock this morning, by which seven men lost their lives and six others are seriously

hurt. The dead are: FRANK DORAN. W. J. MORRISON. HUGH M'KENZIE DANIEL O'LEARY. D. H. ROSE. JOHN CAIRNS.

JAMES T. GALLAGHER. rien, James Connolly, George Doran, brother of Frank Doran; Charles Smith, Mike Tooin, Matt Brown. Several others are bruised and cut somewhat. The accident occurred in the magazine used for thawing powder. Frank Doran was looking after the powder, and had just began loading the magazine when the explosion took place. ignited some powder. He was found twenty feet from the magazine in another drift, and must have seen the danger and tried to escape. The men had just finished eating their midnight lunch, and were on their way back to work. Thirty of them had to pass this magazine, and it exploded as about half were passing. Those who were in the center are the dead and seriously injured. The mine is badly caved in. Su oney says there could not have been over thirty pounds of powder in the magazine at the time, as it was not cus-tomary to keep more than enough for one round of shots there. Doran leaves a wife and two children; the others are single men, most of them having resided here but a short time.

Four Killed and One Hurt. OLIPHANT, Pa., April 18 .- Four men engaged in driving a heading from the shaft to the slope of the Eddy Creek colliery, near this place, were instantly killed today, and a fifth was painfully injured. The

desd are:

JAMES M'HALE, of Oliphant.

WILLIAM HARVEY, of Priceburg.

JAMES and RALPH ABBOTT, brothers, The men were working at a point about 1,000 feet from the shaft, and had just fired a blast. When the smoke had lifted they returned and commenced to clear away the debris. They had been at work only a few minutes when a roof weighing nearly there. thirty tons gave way, crushing the men to death. Francis Lewis, who also was at work at the time, was badly bruised, but it is not thought fatally. The bodies of the infortunate men were not recovered until

BIBLICAL LIFE INSURANCE.

ate in the day.

New Company Formed on the Secoud Adventists' Theories.

BOSTON, Mass., April 18.-R. H. Ramsey. faction that 'this nest of Democrats was about to be broken up. of this city, will start an insurance company which is to be called "The Second Advent Life Insurance Company," and which will run on a system founded on the teachings of pear that politics had much to do with the the Bible. Mr. Ramsey, in his prospectus, is quite sure that the Bible furnishes unmistakable evidence of the "second coming of Christ," at which time "true Christians will ascend or be caught up in the air to meet thim." His company will therefore trouble? I am sorry to be asked or induced to say these times. It seems necessary that I should, however, since the political phase of the matter has been denied by these same lim." His company will, therefore, provide or those who happen to be "caught up" in his way, as well as those who die in the opposing parties and the details published stereotyped manner. He realizes, however, that there are probably many Second Adventists who are already insured in other companies, and for the benefit of these he has prepared a number of clauses to be inserted in or attached to the regular policies of these companies in which the usual phrase "on satbroadcast. As for myself, not even my worst enemies will say that I ever in the least degree discussed any political subject in the pulpit. I do not remember, either, of having discussed politics in this village outside of the pulpit. My church sfactory proof of the death of the assured is to be changed to "on proofs of translation meet the Lord in the air." gregation are almost unanimously Republic- BREMEN an, and a majority of them adhere to me in New York.

spite of politics. It does not follow, however, that the opposition does not have a political basis. It has, but the difficulties are not drawn on political lines. It comes from a few of the most radical Republicans.

"I might add that another ground of complaint against me, made in a formal way, is my general conservativeness, particularly in respect to the matter of temperance. The family leading the opposition to me is conspicuous for its radical views on this subject. I have been complained of by these same people for making alleged drives at them in the pulpit. I can only say that my preaching has been general in topic and in tone, general gospel preaching, and it seems somewhat remarkable that gospel truths should prove orfensive to any family. I have been conscious of only one thing while serving in this parish-that is, a desire to preach the gospet truth. I have been very unwilling to believe in Christian men such motives as have evidently actuated those participating in this opposition, and nothing but what seemed to be a providential occasion to-day would have induced me to make this statement.

"It must be acknowledged that in a secondary way other causes have operated to provide the opposition, especially certain old social enmities in the congregation with which I have not sympathized sufficiently on one side or the other. This opposition has been carried on by private solicitation for a period of two years or more. The same kinds of influences have been used effectu--ally against influential ministers of neighboring churches. I have had several offers to leave here within the past six months, but I my duty to remain until the unpleasant matter is settled in what I regard a proper way. I have no plans for the future. "W. N. CLEVELAND."

### LYNCHING IN TENNESSEE.

Starling Savage, Suspected of Being "Spotter," Hanged by a Masked Mob.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 18.-Early this morning Starling Savage was taken from his bed at Irving College, Tenn., seven miles from McMinnville, Warren county, by a mob of masked men and hanged to a tree, He was suspected of being a "spotter" for the United States officers. Savage was a resident of White, an adjoining county, but his "moonshine" enemies had followed him from

## TWO FIREMEN KILLED

AND SEVERAL MORE SERIOUSLY IN JURED AT PHILADELPHIA.

Old Depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Ashes-Dauntless Bicycle Works at Toledo Burned.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.-Two firemen were crushed to death, one fatally injured and several others seriously hurt, as the result of a fire which destroyed the old depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Thirty-second and Market streets late this afternoon and entailed a loss of about \$220,000. The killed are:

HUGH McGRANIGAN, of Company D. WILLIAM H. STAINGERT, District engl-

George W. Preston, assistant foreman of truck A. was fatally hurt. The seriously injured are: George Jennings, John Blee and Samuel Sneyd, all or whom suffered bruises and have fractured ribs. The depot had a frontage on Market street of about 150 feet and extended back, including the car shed, to Arch street, a distance of 400 feet. The shed was used to store cars. At the time the fire broke out there were twenty Pullman cars in the shed, eight of them being destroyed. The fire originated about the center of the structure and had gained considerable headway before the firemen reached the building. The unfortunate men were working on the slanting shed roof in the rear of the front wall, when the wall crashed down upon them without a second's warning. All of the men were buried beneath the wall, McGranigan and Staingert dying before they reached the hospital. The depot proper was used as the main telegraph office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and trains on the Baltimore & Washington branch of that line were consequently delayed. Many old and valuable records of the company were also in this building, and were destroyed. The loss on the Pullman coaches is about \$120,000, and on the depot

and shed about \$100,000.

Bicycle Works Burned. TOLIEDO, O., April 18.—By the explosion of a barrel of gasoline in the Dauntless bicycle ing all the trouble in the Chaumont Presbyactory early this morning the entire was wrecked. The alarm was turned in at 12:45 a. m., and fifteen minutes later the large building was wrapped in flames. The fire started near the elevator and quickly reached the assembling room on the fifth floor, where about 2,000 bicycles were stored. The fire was communicated to the Toledo Machine and Tool Works, where many valuable patterns were ruined. Many of them tainly the case. In fact, that was the formal cannot be replaced. Its loss will amount to laint made to my face by a committee \$40,000, with insurance at \$30,000. In the Dauntless factory there were 200 finished wheels and many fittings. A second explosion, supposed to be the enameling, occurred at 1:30 a. m., which caused the rear and side was not according to their views. They said that I did not make sufficient allusion to the | walls to fall, an engine crew having a narrow escape from being crushed. The loss late war, and expressed sympathy for me beon the bicycle factory is placed at \$110,000, but the insurance cannot be ascertained accurately this morning. It is placed at \$75,-600. The surrounding property is damaged to the extent of \$2,000, and is fully covered by insurance. The fire is now under control to me with regard to my politics there have and no further damage is anticipated.

SURE DEATH TO DISEASE.

Consumption, Diphtheria and Other Dread Bacilli Killed by X Rays.

CHICAGO, April 18 .- "Consumption is dead, Diphtheria was killed outright. Typhoid was annihilated. Cholera has been stunned for fourteen days. Pneumonia was barely able to resume its work. Anthrax and glanders escaped with serious injury. Influenza missed slaughter by its position under the tube." This is the uulletin from the laboratory of Professors Pratt and Wightman, who anunced to the world that the Roentgen ray s the cure for these diseases. The last and final efforts to revive the exposed color of germs have left four stone dead. The investigators make this positive declaration. They claim that every possible scientific pre-caution was taken that there might be no possible reason for their own deception. They possible reason for their own deception. They are convinced of the success of the first experiment with the bacilli in test tubes. They started yesterday morning in the laboratory a new series of trials which they insist will prove or disprove the possible use of the discovery in actual practice.

Movements of Steamers. NEW YORK, April 18.—Arrived: Georgia, from Hamburg; Veendam, from Rotterdam; Britannia, from Marseilles. Sailed: La Touraine, for Havre; Amsterdam, for Rotterdam; Saale, for Bremen; Etruria, for Liverpool; Phoeniciz, for Hamburg; Werra, for Genoa; Alesia, for Marseilles; Mohawk, for

BOSTCN, April 18.—Arrived: Gallia, from Liverpoo. Sailed: Rhaetia, for Hamburg, via Balt more: Cephalonia, for Liverpool. SOUTHAMPTON, April 18 .- Sailed: St. HAVRE, April 18.-Salled: La Bretagne,

BREMEN, April 18 -- Arrived: Bonn, from

LEO HIRTH, OF WEST WASHINGTON STREET, SHOT BY A BURGLAR.

Two Masked Men, Each With Weapons, Opened Fire on Mrs. Hirth Before Her Husband Was Awake.

POLICE WITHOUT ANY CLEW

EVIDENCE THAT THE ASSASSINS MAY HAVE BEEN ENEMIES.

Several Previous Attempts to Rol Hirth in His Saloon and His Life Had Been Threatened.

Two burglars broke into the house of Lec Hirth, No. 1020 West Washington street, just west of the Belt railroad, about 1:30 o'clock this morning and shot and instantly killed Mr. Hirth as he was pursuing them through have refused them because I considered it the rooms. The bullet entered his heart, Three times before have burglars entered this place, and the means taken by Mr. Hirth for his protection after these previous visits were of no avail. On a table by his bedside was a loaded revolver and in a closet nearby a double-barrel shotgun, but the men opened fire on him before he and his wife left their bed and he had no opportunity to snatch his revolver.

> The place of the murder is a combination grocery store and residence. In the store room a bar was also maintained. Immediately back of the store room was a small vestibule leading into a sitting room, which also has an entrance into a side yard leading to the street. Immediately off the in which Mr. and Mrs. Hirth slept last night. North from the sitting room is the dining room and to the west of this is the kitchen dow through which the intruders gained an entrance by "jimmying" the window lock,

> after first cutting a slat in the shutter. Mr. Hirth was a German, about thirtyeight years old, and has been known as a very industrious man. He closed up his grocery store and barroom about 11 o'clock last night and retired. His wife, who had been feeling ill, had been in bed for over an husband threw his garments on the floor near the head of the bed and within easy reach was his loaded revolver. Where he placed his money was unknown at an early hour this morning. What is known of the tragedy that followed comes from the lip of his wife, and all the evidence substantiates her story in every detail.

> "I was awakened about half past clock." she tole the police, "by a slight noise. I turned on the pillow to look at th door leading to the sitting room and in the dim light of the lamp saw two masked mer standing right in the doorway. I could dis tinguish the size of the men, and saw that they had white masks over their faces. The taller one had his face completely hidden. called to my husband and jumped up at the same time. Then I saw the two men held re volvers, one in each hand. As the tall ma saw me jump up he shouted, with an oath "'Now, - - you, I'll kill you."

WERE BENT ON MURDER. "He shot twice before my husband was fairly out of bed. Mr. Hirth rushed at the men without ever thinking to snatch up revolver on the table."

The burglars retreated from the roor Mrs. Hirth explained, and dashed through the sitting room and dlining room and ther into the kitchen, followed by her husband. seemed to come from the kitchen. Mr. Hirth as the couple was trying to clamber out the window by which they had come int the house. He was found prone on the floor clad only in his day shirt, and with a small hole, slightly tinged with red, in his shirt,

immediately over the heart, Mrs. Hirth, in the meantime, had run ou the sitting room door into the yard, screamslept the mother's screams all rushed A woman living next door was also awak ened and, with Mrs. Hirth, ran down to th street car barns, severals blocks distant. telephone for the police. It was fully a half hour after the tragedy before police Captain Quigley and several patrolmen reached the scene and found Mrs. Hirth and her children weeping and gazing on the body of M

An examination of the premises, afte hearing Mrs. Hirth's story, showed how th burglars had entered the place. In a search of the bedroom a bulle was found in th walnut bedstead near the top of the hear board. In the plaster of the west wall im mediately above the headboard was anothe bullet hole. Only three shots were fired; th third one entering the groceryman's heart Mrs. Hirth told the police that her husbane had considerable money on the place, though she dld not know how much. He expected to pay a number of large bills Monday. So frequently have thieves entered the hous that the husband took what he thought were extra precautions. He was accustomed to hiding the money about the room. The wife, after the burglars had left the house, found a rug, which had been placed at the door it possible that the two men were acquainted looked under the rug to see if any money were hidden there. The trousers which were laying on the floor were undisturbed.

After the shooting Mrs. Hirth screamed several months ago to search for the bod of Frank G. Lehz, the Pittsburg cyclist who was murdered by Kurds, returned to-day to search for the bod of Frank G. Lehz, the Pittsburg cyclist who was murdered by Kurds, returned to-day to America on the Paris.

tremely long to her at that moment, and it is probable that within ten minutes or les time neighbors had come in. They found Mrs. Hirth in a most excited condition. Sie possibly result as seriously to her as if she had received the burglar's bullet, and naturally was very much wrought up over the sudden killing of her husband. She did not become hysterical, however, and the very fact of her ability to somewhat control her feelings may prove to be the thing that will save her from further and greater trouble. She was able to tell in a reasonably con neoted manner the story of the burglars' entrance and doings while in the house, but

her description of them was not such as will

serve the police much in their work. When the neighbors arrived the body of Mr. Hirth was lying just inside the kitchen, and about four or five feet from the outside kitchen door. He was lying just as he had fallen, except that kindly hands of neighbors had placed his hands across his breast. He was clothed only in a shirt, with a dark hole and small blood stain in the bosom over the heart. Except for the lack of color in his face, he appeared to be merely sleeping. The bullet had entered the breast between the fifth and sixth ribs, about three inches from the center of the breast and most likely passed through the left auricle of the heart, which would cause instant death. The Coroner had not yet arrived, and an examination had not been made to see if the bullet had passed through the body,

CAPT. QUIGLY'S SUSPICIONS. "Do you know Tom Cunningham?" asked Captain Quigley of Mrs. Hirth, after exam-

She replied that she remembered him in connection with a former robbery at the house. At that time Cunningham, a rallroader, was arrested in connection with the affair, and it is said Hirth identified him one of the robbers, but Cunningham proved a strong alibi and was released.

The police captain questioned her closely as to the possible similarity in description between Cunningham and the shorter man The only words spoken were by the tailer at any time to identify the voice of this man, so vividly was it impressed on her

It was deep and rather gruff. The masks came over the men's foreheads and gave he no opportunity to see their faces. She thinks perhaps the mask had two eye-holes cut in it, but as to this her recollection is not certain. The shorter man uttered no word. Mrs. Hirth did not hear her husband say anything after he jumped from the bed When questioned a second time by the police she was sure the mask worn by the taller burglar was one of the sort usually sold masquerade shops or toy stores.

The police found absolutely no clew this morning that might lead them to trace the and within a block are the railroad yards and shops. It was an easy matter for the

burgiars to escape after leaving the house. A VAGUE CLEW.

Hirth Had Enemies Who Had Robbed Him Before.

Joseph Grebe and his cousin, George Eads, were asleep a few doors from the Hirth home, when they were awakened by a woman's scream. They rushed from the house in their night clothes and ran to the Hirth home. The house was dark, there being no light except in the cellar, where a light is kept constantly burning which Mr. Hirth kept in especial purpose of warn him against and Eads returned home, dressed and came to the street again. About ten minutes had on the Belt railroad track.

The police have as a clew to the murderers the vague history of Mr. Hirth's former troubles. He has been a special victim midnight visitors, and he was at all times on his guard. Once he was held up while behind the bar and relieved of all there was in the money drawer. At two other times h reported attempts at burglary. So cautiou did he become that about a year ago he burglars. At one time he had a novel burglar alarm, consisting of a barrel, on lay a shotgun, placed nightly at the entrance to his room. The trigger of the gun was operated by a wire, which was in easy reach. One night six months ago an attempt was made to rob him an he pulled the wire. A hole several inches in width was blown in the weather boarding of the opposite wall. A young man of the neighborhood, whose reputation was not of the best, was arrested for the crime. Mr. Hirth positively identified him as the mi he saw run away, but for some reason the

Mr. Hirth has frequently received anonymous letters warning him of threats and information has been given him that his life

The appearance of the house last night caused the police to hold to the theory that no robbery was intended, the sole purpose of the visit being the murder of Hirth. If the burglars had robbery as a motive, they evidently knew that Mr. Hirth would fight back, for they shot to kill. There is a large bullet imbedded in the head of the bed and another in the wall above the bed post.

The enmity to Hirth so far as can be recalled has been due solely to business differences. He has been thrifty, and as a result has considerable property. He has conducted his business on a cash basis, and as he has maintained order about his place, in the rear of which lived his family, he gained the fil-will of certain tough citizens in that section of the city.

Return of W. A. Sachtleben. NEW YORK, April 18 .- William A. Sacht-

BRITISH OFFICIALS ARE SAID TO BE MUCH TOO CONFIDENT.

Residents of Lobengula's Old Capital Beset with Many Dangers Inside and Out of the Place.

GREAT MASSACRE FEARED

WELL-ARMED MATABELES WAITING THEIR OPPORTUNITY.

Garrison of the City Wenkened by Sending Out Sortie Parties-Skirmishes with the Rebels.

(Copyrighted, 1896, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, April 18.-The latest advices received from Buluwayo, Matabeleland, proved beyond any doubt that the town is in a most critical situation. It is surrounded in part by a large force of hostile Matabeles, estimated to number from 12,000 to 15,000; the garrison is not believed to number 1,000 mep all told, and over one-third of them are either foraging, holding stategic positions scouting or trying to keep the roads clear for the provision and ammunition trains, which are on the way to relieve Buluwayo. Besides, it is reported that a large portion of the remainder of the garrison left Buluwayo yesterday to attack the Imbeu regiiment of Matabeles.

A dispatch from Buluwayo, dated April 17, says that the rebels are increasing in numbers in proximity to the forces of the patrol established by the English. Fortytwo men attacked the vanguard of the Matabeles at dawn and drove them back to the main body. The English sustained a loss of only one man wounded. Two of the horses belonging to the British attacking forces were killed, however. According to reports received here over fifty of the natives were killed. At noon the scouts again encountered the Matabeles in the neighborhood of the government house. Again in the afternoon a panic was caused in the town by the discovery of two hundred of the natives hiding in the bushes back of the hospital, where they were detained by the forces of the British. Advices so far as received do not indicate whether any of the English or Matabeles were killed or injured during these conflicts. The situation is, however, growing more serious hourly and a hot time is expected soon.

The announcement made in the House of Commens yesterday by Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the government intended to immediately increase the strength of the garrisons in South Africa has caused great satisfaction here. The Middlesex Regiment, the first one ordered to sail, has been especially chosen, as it fought at the Cape in 1879. There was great eiation at Aldershot camp when the orders to prepare to embark for South Africa reached the Middlesex Regiment. The soldiers gathered together and cheered repeatedly, for Queen and country, everybody and everything, and not many days will elapse be-

fore the men are ready for shipboard. It is more than hinted that the present increase is only a first installment of large reinforcements of troops, which are to be sent to the cape. The Corservative newspapers are suddenly alive to the fact that the Cape of Good Hope is of vital importance to Great Britain, as being a sort of half-way house to India, a most healthy station, etc., and they loudly demand that it be converted into a military base on a large scale. But, what is really meant is that Great Britain should prepare for war with the Transveal

without loss of time. A dispatch from Salisbury, Matabeleland, dated April 16, says that Hon, Cecil Rhodes has recovered from his recent illness. According to this dispatch he expected to start at once for Buluwayo, hoping to overtake the British forces sent to the relief of that town. According to another dispatch from Salisbury, dated April 17, the departure of he watch dog | Hon. Cecil Rhodes for Buluwayo has been postponed for at least forty-eight hours. Further information has reached here

from Johannesburg showing that the South African republic is making extensive military preparations, and the news has been confirmed from several parts of the Transvaal. A dispatch to the Times from Johannesburg says: "There is much disgust here at Sir Hercules Robinson (Governor of Cape Colony) persistently opposing the sending of the British troops to South Africa. He is accused of subserviency to President Kruger, and there are loud demands that Mr. Chamberlain end the matter. The Boers already six times outnumber the

In regard to Matabeleland, such influential papers as the Globe and Daily News are urging that Dr. Jameson be allowed "to fill up his time on bail in running over to South Africa to confer with the imperial officers as to the necessary steps." The Globe says: "It is sheer fatuity for the government to stand on punctillo in adopting the most effectual means. Dr. Jameson is worth a regiment."

BULUWAYO'S PERIL.

Defenders of the Town Playing Inte the Hands of the Enemy. (Copyright, 1896, by the Associated Press.)

CAPE TOWN, April 18 .- No official statement from any source is worth considering for a moment if it takes the ground that Buluwayo is not in danger. Buluwayo is in the greatest danger; in fact, ere this the town may be in the hands o the Matabeles, and one of the most terrible massacres on record may have occurred. The latest advices received from Buluwayo have greatly increased the anxiety felt for the safety of that place. Military men, scouts, Dutchmen and Engishmen, civilians of all classes, veteran troopers and government officials concur in the statement that the Governor of Cape Colony, Sir Hercules Robinson, has not told the truth if he has notified the home government that Buluwayo is in no danger. It is evident to everybody here that the British at Buluwayo are in a most critical position. The chief point of their weakness is in numbers and the immensity of the hordes of Matabeles gathering for the attack. Then, again, large numbers of Matabeles, presumed to be "friendlies," have, by some excuse or other, succeeded in entering the town, and it is well known that they have planned to rise and strike at the British as soon as the warriors of the Matabeles are heard outside the line of defenses. Most of the black men in Buluwayo got there by pretending to be seeking protection of the whites, and the latter were foolish enough to fall into the trap. These Matabeles are armed, and an outbreak must soon occur.

It has been stated that Buluwayo is held by one thousand men. This is not correct. As stated in these dispatches, the number of fighting men at Buluwayo is under nine hundred, and of this small number, compared with the fifteen thousand Matabeles in the vicinity of the town, these hundred are re-